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bakehouse, where the *Micha* (meat-offering) of the High-priest was baked, they met with the cry 'All well.' Meanwhile the rest of the priests arose, bathed themselves, and put on their garments. They then went into the stone-chamber (one half of which was the hall of session of the Sanhedrin), and there, under the superintendence of the officer who gave the watchword and one of the Sanhedrin, surrounded by the priests clad in their robes of office, their several duties for the coming day were assigned to each of the priests by lot."

EDITORIAL NOTES.

An Increased Circulation.—At this season of the year it is customary for periodicals, secular and religious, to appeal to their subscribers for assistance in the work of increasing their subscription list. There seems to be no good reason why **THE HEBREW STUDENT** should not follow the example of other journals in this particular; and we make this appeal upon the following grounds:

1. **The Hebrew Student** aims to do a work, to fill a place to which no other periodical lays claim. It deals only with Old Testament and related topics. Its object is to incite a greater interest in Hebrew and Old Testament study; to supply "fresh" information concerning some of the many important subjects which come up for consideration in this field; to furnish a medium of communication, through which ministers, bible-teachers and bible-students may present the results of their investigations, or obtain information concerning questions of difficulty which arise in their studies.

2. **The Hebrew Student**, we feel assured, has already done a *work*, of which it need not be ashamed. Every mail brings the information that a minister, perhaps in Ireland, or a missionary, perhaps in India, or a professor in college or university, or, what is even more encouraging, a Sunday-school teacher, has, *through the influence of the Student*, been led to go back and take up again the long-neglected study, or, in the case of those who never have entered upon it, to seek instruction in the language from the beginning. Scores of letters from the most eminent scholars and ministers of the country indicate their entire sympathy with the work which **The Hebrew Student** aims to do, and which, in a measure, at least, it is doing.

3. **The Hebrew Student** has as able a corps of contributors as the world can furnish. Those who have consented to act in this capacity are among the leaders in the department of Old Testament study. The names which appear in connection with the articles of the present number, as well as those which have appeared with the articles of former numbers, are in themselves a sufficient guaranty of the worth and character of the journal.

4. **The Hebrew Student** is offered at an extremely low price. No one can well say that he cannot afford it. It is offered at this, confessedly, reduced rate, simply in order that every minister and every student may be able to have it.

And now, in view of these facts, we ask those who have already signified their interest by subscribing for the periodical to use their influence in a simultaneous effort to increase its circulation. Brethren, *this must be done*. Nothing would be

easier than to *double* our circulation within thirty days, if the present subscribers would but do what, under the circumstances, it seems proper to expect of them. The difficulties in the way of firmly establishing a new paper or journal are many. These difficulties we cannot hope to overcome, unless we are accorded the hearty support of all who, with us, are interested in the success of the enterprise.

The Hebrew Student Supplement.—At the suggestion of members of "The Hebrew Correspondence School," it has been decided to issue in connection with each succeeding number of THE HEBREW STUDENT, what shall be called "*The Hebrew Student Supplement*." The "Supplement" is to be published in the interests of "The Hebrew Correspondence School." Its special purpose will be, (1) to furnish information concerning the members of the "School;" (2) to publish from month to month the names of those who join the "School;" (3) to give directions and instructions concerning the work of the "School;" (4) to give to members of the "School" an opportunity to communicate with each other, and to relate from time to time their "Hebrew" experience; *in a word* (5) to bind together the widely scattered members, and, if possible, to enable them to feel that they are *class-mates*—members of a class, which includes men of every age, of every theological belief, and of almost every country, a class engaged in one common work, *preparation* for the more thorough and perfect study of an important part of God's revelation to man. Is there not, truly, something inspiring in the thought of *such* a class?

The number of pages in the "Supplement" will depend upon the amount of matter furnished by the members of the "School," for it is intended that they shall for the most part, furnish the necessary material. Nothing can be inserted which is received later than the 25th of the preceding month.

A Plea for Hebrew.—The most telling plea for Hebrew study, which it has been our privilege to read, appears in *The Presbyterian Witness* (Nov. 11), Halifax, N. S. It is an address by the Rev. John Currie, the occupant of the chair of Hebrew in the Presbyterian College of Halifax. Professor Currie's reputation as a textual critic is recognized in England. We believe that he has not long occupied his present position. He is conservative in his views, yet broad and liberal. He has that very important element of a teacher, enthusiasm, and certainly his is no low idea of the demands of the present in this department of theology, as may be seen from the closing paragraph of his address:

"That the grand old language shall ever thus attain a second golden age, it is perhaps too much to expect; but the hope is surely well founded that in no distant future students shall enter the Theological Hall prepared at once to leave behind first principles and to go on to perfection, and that, when their term of study is completed, they shall bear testimony to their accomplishments as Hebraists by nerve in their style, grandeur in their conceptions, breadth in their views, and freshness and fullness in their Old Testament expositions."

Semitic Study in Germany.—During the coming winter-semester, the vexed questions of Old Testament Introduction will be discussed thoroughly in the German lecture rooms. Prof. Franz Delitzsch at Leipzig, Prof. Dillmann at